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Abstract

This standard describes the formats, rules, and procedures for the encoding of alphanumeric text and pictorial information for videotex and teletext applications. This standard is based upon the architecture defined in the multi-layered reference model of open systems interconnection (OSI), under development by the ISO, and defines a specific data syntax for use by OSI presentation layer protocols and some specific semantics for use at the application layer. This standard is based upon ASCII and its extensions (as specified in FIPS 1-2), and adopts in whole American National Standard X3.110-1983/Canadian Standard T500-1983, Videotex/Teletext Presentation Level Protocol Syntax (North American PLPS). It is intended to be used in Federal information processing systems, communications systems, and associated videotex/teletext equipment.

Key words: character coded information; communication; computer; data syntax; Federal Information Processing Standard; NAPLPS; North American PLPS; open systems interconnection; pictorial; presentation layer; teletext; videotex.



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Name of Standard. Videotex/Teletext Presentation Level Protocol Syntax (North American PLPS) (FIPS 121).

Category of Standard. Hardware and Software Standard, Interchange Codes.

Explanation. This standard describes the formats, rules, and procedures for the encoding of alphanumeric text and pictorial information for videotex and teletext applications. This standard is based upon the architecture defined in the multi-layered reference model of open systems interconnection (OSI), under development by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), but this standard does not define the OSI Standard presentation layer protocol itself. This standard defines a specific data syntax for use by OSI presentation layer protocols and some specific semantics for use at the application layer in videotex and teletext applications. This standard is based upon the American National Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII) and its extensions (as specified in FIPS 1-2). It is intended to be used in Federal information processing systems, communications systems, and associated videotex and teletext equipment.

Approving Authority. Secretary of Commerce.

Maintenance Agency. Department of Commerce, National Bureau of Standards (Institute for Computer Sciences and Technology).

Cross Index. American National Standard X3.110-1983/Canadian Standard T500-1983, *Videotex/Teletext Presentation Level Protocol Syntax (North American PLPS)*.

Related Documents.

- a. FIPS PUB 1-2, *Code for Information Interchange, Its Representations, Subsets and Extensions* (adopts three ANSI standards: X3.4-1977, X3.32-1973, X3.41-1974 and also has further specifications).
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- c. FIPS PUB 17-1, *Character Structure and Character Parity Sense for Serial-by-Bit Data Communication in the Code for Information Interchange* (adopts ANSI X3.16-1976).
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- e. FIPS PUB 86, *Additional Controls for Use with American National Standard Code for Information Interchange* (adopts ANSI X3.64-1979).
- f. American National Standard X3.4-1977, *Code for Information Interchange (ASCII)*.
- g. American National Standard X3.41-1974, *Code Extension Techniques for Use with the 7-Bit Coded Character Set of American National Standard Code for Information Interchange*.
- h. American National Standard X3.64-1979, *Additional Controls for Use with American National Standard Code for Information Interchange*.
- i. International Standard ISO 646-1983, *Information Processing—ISO 7-Bit Coded Character Set for Information Interchange*.

- j. International Standard ISO 2022-1982, *Information Processing—ISO 7-Bit and 8-Bit Coded Character Sets—Code Extension Techniques*.
- k. International Standard ISO 2375-1974, *Data Processing—Procedure for Registration of Escape Sequences*.
- l. International Standard ISO 4873-1979, *Information Processing—8-Bit Coded Character Set for Information Interchange*.
- m. International Standard ISO 6429-1983, *Information Processing—ISO 7-Bit and 8-Bit Coded Character Sets—Additional Control Functions for Character Imaging Devices*.
- n. International Standard ISO 6937/1-1982, *Information Processing—Coded Character Sets for Text Communication, Part 1. General Introduction*.
- o. International Standard ISO 6937/2-1982, *Information Processing—Coded Character Sets for Text Communication, Part 2: Latin Alphabetic and Non-Alphabetic Graphic Characters*.
- p. International Standard ISO 7498-1983, *Data Processing—Open Systems Interconnection Basic Reference Model*.
- q. CCITT Recommendation V.3, 1972, *International Alphabet No. 5*.
- r. CCITT Recommendation F.300-1980, *Videotex Service*.
- s. CCITT Recommendation S.100-1980, *International Information Exchange for Interactive Videotex*.

Objective. The objective of this standard is to facilitate the interchange of videotex and teletext information between different transaction services and between equipment developed by different manufacturers of videotex and teletext devices.

Applicability. This standard is applicable to Federal acquisition and use of data processing and communication systems, data systems, system components, and related equipment that may be required to accept, process, store, transmit or interchange character coded information representing alphanumeric text or pictorial information to be displayed or printed on videotex or teletext terminals. This standard is applicable to the representation of alphanumeric text and pictorial information at the interface between host computers and videotex terminals or between teletext data and teletext decoders.

Implementation. This standard becomes effective November 3, 1986. All equipment and data systems to which this standard is applicable that are brought into the Federal Government inventory on or after the effective date of this FIPS PUB must be in conformance with this standard unless a waiver has been obtained in accordance with the waiver provisions given below.

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